

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Truvan for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Dale G. Mohlenhoff on November 21, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments distinguishing Applicant's claims from the cited Hartman and Benantar references. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's attorney also proposed possible amendments.

Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the amendments discussed during the interview distinguish over the references of record. However, Applicant understands that the Examiner needs to review the proposed language. Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 7, 15, 19, 21 and 29, as well as dependent claims 12-14 and 26-28 to highlight the noted features as discussed during the interview. No Claims are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-7, 12-19, 21, 26-29 and 31-33 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents